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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

**Report of Foreign Issuer
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Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

For the month of April 2002

COMPANIA CERVECERIAS UNIDAS S.A.

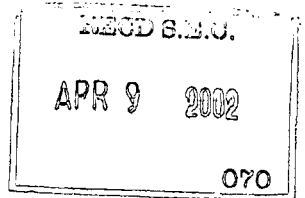
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

UNITED BREWERIES COMPANY, INC.

(Translation of registrant's name into English)

Bandera 84, sixth floor, Santiago, Chile

(Address of principal executive offices)



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This report consists of a press release announcing the Company's preliminary first quarter 2002 consolidated volumes.



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COMPAÑIA CERVECERIAS UNIDAS S.A.
ANNOUNCES FIRST QUARTER 2002 VOLUMES

(Santiago, Chile, April 8, 2002) -- Compañía Cervecerías Unidas S.A. ("CCU") (NYSE: CU) reported today preliminary first quarter 2002 consolidated volumes.

The preliminary volume breakout by segment in hectoliters is as follows:

	First Quarter Volume	% Change
Beer - Chile	1,087,052	3.1%
Soft Drinks	853,169	-0.3%
Nectars	56,767	23.9%
Mineral Waters - Chile	242,242	2.2%
Wine - Domestic	110,922	67.7%
Wine - Export	75,631	11.4%
Total Chile	2,425,783	4.3%
Beer - Argentina	417,844	-16.5%
Wine - Argentina	549	-55.2%
Total Argentina	418,392	-16.6%
TOTAL	2,844,175	0.6%

CCU plans to release its consolidated fourth quarter results by the second week of May.

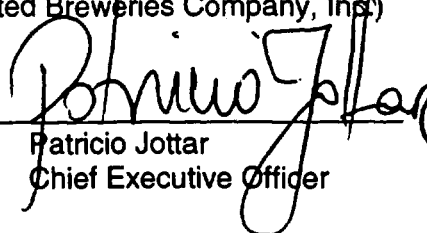
CCU is a diversified beverage company operating principally in Chile and Argentina. CCU is the largest Chilean brewer, the third-largest Argentine brewer, the second-largest Chilean soft drink producer, the second-largest Chilean wine exporter, the third-largest Chilean winery in the domestic market and the largest Chilean mineral water producer. The Company has licensing, distribution and/or joint venture arrangements with Paulaner Brauerei AG, Anheuser-Busch Incorporated, Cadbury Schweppes Plc., Guinness Brewing Worldwide Limited, PepsiCo Inc and Watt's Alimentos S.A.

Signatures

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

Compañía Cervecerías Unidas S.A.
(United Breweries Company, Inc.)

By:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Patricio Jottar", written over a horizontal line.

Patricio Jottar
Chief Executive Officer

Handwritten initials, possibly "WJZ", in black ink.

Date: April 8, 2002